

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Application of Rock Port Telephone Company for )  
Approval of an Interconnection and Reciprocal ) **Case No. TK-2007-0231**  
Compensation Agreement under the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND JOINING DOBSON CELLULAR**  
**SYSTEMS, INC. AS A PARTY**

Issue Date: January 3, 2007

Effective Date: January 3, 2007

**Syllabus:** This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. (“Dobson”), as a party to this proceeding.

On December 26, 2006, Rock Port Telephone Company (“Rock Port”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Dobson under the applicable provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In its application, which appears to be in substantial compliance with all filing and submission requirements specified by Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.513, Rock Port states that the negotiated agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. Rock Port requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Dobson is a party to and signatory of the agreement, it did not join in Rock Port's application. Because Dobson is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will join Dobson as a party to this case.

The Act provides that a negotiated interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>1</sup> Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the date of the issuance of this order to file a motion for intervention or hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice of this application to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies operating in Missouri.
2. Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than January 23, 2007, with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2).

and also serving a copy on the following parties:

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4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of the amended agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than February 5, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on January 3, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 3rd day of January, 2007.